

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A pouch-type lithium secondary battery comprising:
a battery unit comprising:
a positive electrode plate,
a separator, and
a negative electrode plate,
wherein the separator is disposed between the positive and negative electrode plates;
electrode tabs extending from each of the positive and negative electrode plates;
a case having a space to accommodate the battery unit, comprising upper and lower case bodies that are joined together at a sealing surface disposed along the periphery of the space; and
a protection circuit board directly electrically connected to the positive and negative electrode plates, via the electrode tabs, the protection circuit board having electrode terminals, wherein,
the electrode tabs extend from the positive and negative electrode plates, through the sealing surface of the case, and are then bent only once, so as to extend in a plane that is disposed at a substantially right angle with respect to a plane of the sealing surface, without extending beyond a thickness of the case, **[[and]]**
the protection circuit board is disposed between an outer wall of the case and the bent electrode tabs, and
the electrode terminals of the protection circuit board contact the electrode tabs bent in a direction that is vertical with respect to the sealing surface of the case.
2. (Previously Presented) The pouch-type lithium secondary battery of claim 1, wherein the electrode tabs are disposed parallel to the outer wall of the case, in an upright position, and are perpendicular to a contact surface at which the sealing surface is contacted.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The pouch-type lithium secondary battery of claim 1, further comprising insulating tape to provide electrical insulation between the electrode tabs and the sealing surface, wherein the insulating tape is wrapped around the portions of the electrode tabs bent from a leading edge of the sealing surface.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The pouch-type lithium secondary battery of claim 1, wherein the electrode tabs connect to the protection circuit board on a side opposite to the outer wall of the case.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 8 and 19 are pending in the application. Applicants have amended Claim 1. Applicants have not added new matter. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1, 2 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by KR 2002-0074550 to Jeong (hereinafter "Jeong"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

First, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment after Final Office Action that Applicants have made in Applicants' response dated July 27, 2010, which has been indicated in underlined portions again in the amendment herein. Applicants maintain that Jeong fails to teach or suggest each and every limitation recited in independent Claim 1 as amended per the amendment of July 27, 2010 for all the reasons previously presented in Applicants' remarks.

Moreover, solely to facilitate prosecution, Applicants have further amended Claim 1 to additionally recite "the electrode terminals of the protection circuit board contact the electrode tabs bent in a direction vertical with respect to the sealing surface of the case." Applicants submit that Jeong fails to teach or suggest at least this additional feature.

For the Examiner's convenience, FIG. 4 (D) of Jeong is reproduced below.

